

DEMOCRATIC VISIONS

A professional development program for 5th, 8th, and 11th grade American history teachers in eleven eastern Kentucky school districts beginning in Fall 2008 and continuing through Summer 2011

Application Deadline:
September 15, 2008

Submit to:
Your district liaison or fax to Rebecca Hanly, 502-564-0475

PART I: Basic Information

School District _____ School Name _____

Full Name _____

Home Address & Phone _____

School Address & Phone _____

Email Address (es) _____

PART II: Education and Professional Experience

Bachelor's Institution/Degree Received _____

Area(s) of Certification _____

Graduate work? _____

How many years have you been in the teaching profession? _____

Grade(s) and Subject(s) Currently Teaching _____

(If an elementary teacher, specify whether you teach/have taught social studies)

Grade(s) and Subject(s) Taught in Past _____

Positions Held within School, Clubs sponsored, etc. _____

PART III: Open-Ended Questions

Use *up to two* separate sheets to answer the following questions. Attach your answers to this application.

1. Why do you want to be a Democratic Visions Fellow? What do you hope to gain from the program?
2. What are the two best professional development experiences in which you have participated and why?
3. In general, what strengths do you see in the teaching and learning of history at your school? What are some areas for improvement?
4. What is your philosophy of teaching history? Why is it important that students know and understand history?

PART IV: Signatures

My signature below attests to my willingness to participate in the Democratic Visions Fellows Program for the three years of the program. If selected, I understand that I will be expected to complete independent study exercises and attend a fall and spring seminar and a summer institute each year. I further understand that there will be minimal evaluation activities my students and I will be expected to complete. Upon completion of these requirements each year, I will receive a stipend. *Note: You must attend the first training session, held October 24-25, 2008, at Natural Bridge State Park to take part in the Fellows program.*

Applicant's Signature

Date

By my signature below, I wholeheartedly recommend the above named applicant for selection into the Democratic Visions Fellows Program. I understand that he/she will be involved for three years and I will need to grant release time of 1day per semester (substitute costs to be covered by the Program).

Principal's Signature

Date

Questions? Contact Rebecca Hanly, Project Director, at 502-564-1792 x4475 or rebecca.hanly@ky.gov.